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1. THE ONTARIO GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OPENED ITS
31ST SESSION JUNE 27 AND ONTARIO TREASURER DARCY MCKEOUGH
RE-INTRODUCED THE EW TAXES INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET
MESSAGE OF APRIL 19 AND DEFERRED WHEN THE LEGISLATURE
WAS DISSOLVED APRIL 29 FOR PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

2. CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO TAXES WERE INCREASED EFFECTIVE
MIDNIGHT JUNE 27 AND THE FIVE CENTS PER CAN ENVIRONMENTAL
TAX ON METAL SOFT DRINK CONTAINERS IS TO APPLY EFFECTIVE
AUGUST 1. (SEE REF B.)

3. THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGE APPEARS TO BE NEW AMENDMENT
PROPOSAL TO LAND SPECULATION TAX WHICH PERMITS BONA FIDE
FARMERS WHO HAVE OWNED AND ACTIVELY FARMED A
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PROPERTY FOR TEN YEARS TO SELL THEIR FARM WITHOUT
PAYING THE TAX. (SEE REF C.)

4. COMMENT: TAX ON CANS MAY NEVER SEE LIGHT OF DAY
AS NDP OPPOSED ENABLING LEGISLATION IN FIRST READING
JUNE 27 AND WHILE OPPOSITION LIBERALS VOTED FOR MEASURE
TO SAVE GOVERNMENT, LIBERALS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL

NOT SUPPORT LEGISLATION AT SECMND READINV. THERE HAS BEEN
STRONG PRESSURE FROM METAL WORKING UNINS AND INDUSTRY
TO OPPOSE MEASURE.
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